

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 481

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Warrant Officer Judson E. Mount, United States Army.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Warrant Officer Judson E. Mount, Bravo Company, 64th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army, was one such courageous volunteer, who passed away April 7, 2009; just over five months prior, on November 8, 2008, Warrant Officer Mount sustained serious injuries while on active duty near Baghdad, Iraq, and complications from these injuries ultimately took his life; and

WHEREAS, part of a convoy, Warrant Officer Mount's mine resistant ambush protected vehicle (MRAP) was struck by an explosively formed projectile (EFP); he and two of his fellows were badly injured in the blast, while one soldier died and two others escaped unharmed; and

WHEREAS, following emergency treatment in Iraq, Warrant Officer Mount was evacuated to the United States Air Force Hospital in Balad, Germany, and from there he was taken to Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio; at the hospital in Texas, Warrant Officer Mount was assigned to the Wounded Warrior Program and underwent several surgeries to repair the extensive shrapnel wounds he had suffered; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his passing, Warrant Officer Judson Mount was hopeful as he anticipated three more surgeries to help him regain the use of his hands; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis on December 1, 1971, Judson Mount was the son of Joyce G. Mount and James E. Mount; in 1990, he graduated from Chester County High School in Henderson; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his fourteen-year career in the Army, Warrant Officer Judson Mount was stationed at bases all over the United States and around the world; at the time he sustained his injuries, he was on his second tour of Iraq, where he was stationed in Taji; and

WHEREAS, before deploying to Iraq for this second tour, Warrant Officer Mount had been stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he lived with his wife, Jennifer, and the couple's two daughters, Shelby and Sydney; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Warrant Officer Judson Mount received many medals and ribbons during his years of service, the Purple Heart for his November injuries being the most recent; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his parents, his brother, Joey E. Mount, his wife, and his two daughters, and they will remember him with great fondness for his faith, his warmth, and his humor; and

WHEREAS, this heroic Tennessean leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly should pause to remember the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of this exceptional American and human being, the late Warrant Officer Judson Mount, United States Army, whose loss is mourned by a grateful nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Warrant Officer Judson E. Mount, a man of impeccable character, limitless courage, and stalwart commitment to the defense of his nation as a member of the United States Army, reflecting fondly upon his bravery and his dedication to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Warrant Officer Mount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.